

New York, July 24.—The great musical festival from which so much was hoped in musical circles has broken up in a family quarrel which everybody but the parties most intimately concerned regrets. The Emperor of Germany had presented for competition a very beautiful and valuable prize. In the adjudication of the musical associations the Mannerchor of Philadelphia and one of the musical associations of Brooklyn were considered about equal and it was decided that the Brooklyn association should hold the prize for one-half of the time between 1900 and the next general meeting, the Philadelphia Mannerchor to hold it for the last half. This decision the Philadelphia singers refused to accept and the result is war to the knife and the knife to the hill. This is an unfortunate ending for a Sangerfest and it is yet hoped that the parties may be brought together to a more peaceful and harmonious settlement.

The unsettled state of affairs in China has affected our entire business community and we hardly know what to believe. On July 3 we received intelligence from the Chinese minister that he had heard from the home government that the foreign consuls and ministers were in Peking and entirely safe. Five days later we were told that there is no doubt about the assassination of the German minister and that all the legations were in dire distress. Despatch No. 3, the emperor was poisoned; despatch No. 4, the dowager empress had been driven from Peking; despatch No. 5, the dowager empress had ordered the imperial troops to expel and, if possible, to kill the Boxers. I should now like to add a despatch of my own, and that is, "That for superlative mendacity there is nothing between creation's dawn and the archangel's trump that will equal a Chinese liar."

When I did not care about listening to a missionary sermon. I hope you will allow the men to smoke," remarked the bishop. "Certainly," replied the chief director, and there and then was admitted a charitable concession that a man might be good Christian and smoke a pipe. The news comes cheering from the west of the immense crowd, which, unfortunately, they have not hands enough to gather. The farmers, driven almost to despair seeing the grain rotting on the ground, have loaded their guns and gone out upon the highways and wherever a tramp was found they have driven him into the wheat fields to work at the rate of \$2.50 per day, under the penalty of filling him with buckshot on refusal. The farmers' wives and daughters, realizing the necessities of the case, with the full consent of their fathers, their brothers and their sons, have formed clubs, and assumed the trousers of the men, by whose sides they are expected to be during the performance of their tasks until the last bucket of wheat is saved. Such a glorious example those women of the west have given their children should never be forgotten.

While those who have the destinies of the state in their hands are preparing our great battleships for immediate service at sea and recruiting our armies for service on land, the lighter sports are not forgotten, and our athletes return from Europe crowned with bays and laurel. The greatest golfer of England has met his bete noir in the United States. He came for wool and has gone away shame.

The political cauldron has begun to simmer; the victor will have no walk-over. There are thousands of faithful Democrats who believe that the boy orator of the Platte will occupy the presidential chair for the next four years.

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Shall Russia be allowed to become the dominant power in the final settlement of the Chinese question? Or shall Japan, with her victorious thousands, which met and conquered the Chinese only a few years ago, sinking her best battleships and capturing the strongest of her coast defenses, and, after winning the victory, to be defrauded of the fruits for which she had sacrificed so much? But the most distressing feature which the nations of Europe and the United States have to face is the possibility of the yellow race of the east combining for the domination of the white. The question has been ably set forth by one of the leading newspapers of this metropolis and contemplated as not a very remote possibility fraught with danger. Let us not forget that a half century has not elapsed since an English army marched into Peking without serious loss and looted the palace for four weeks and carried away millions of wealth, leaving the palace in ruins. And later still, we remarked in a former portion of this letter, Japan with a small army routed everything before them, and it was not until they received a large indemnity that they consented to return Port Arthur, which Russia afterward seized and still holds and proposes to make a terminal of her gigantic railroad system. And today the nation which let a British army invade her capital and was begging for mercy from Japan confronts her enemies, the civilized world and dashes them back from the gates of her capital. Whither our hearts are riven with the stories of massacre which reach us from day to day, the Chinese minister, Wu, walks the streets of Washington in perfect security, while it is a question if the American minister at Peking is still alive.

While the thunder of cannon was echoing on our ears from the battlefields of the east the pilgrims of peace, the Christian Endeavorers, crowded our streets on the way to Europe. And the city of London, in the year of grace 1900, saw one of the grandest Christian celebrations that has ever been held by any people in any land. Who are they you ask. "The Pilgrims of Peace," is the reply. What is their religion? you wish to know. All religions who believe in Christ as the mediator between the Almighty and the children of men. The meeting held in London was represented by members from every portion of the Christian world. Three millions is the number claimed for this Christian army, whose general and supreme director is the Prince of Peace. The purpose of this pilgrimage was to bring together pilgrims from different portions of the globe and to strengthen the bonds of spiritual union.

In New York the "Christian at Work" has opened a new chapter and it is started on the broadest foundation of Christian charity—its doors are not barred against any human being, however poor, who behaves well within its gates with moderate decency and order. The first command is feed the hungry—no man can be possessed of a true Christian spirit if he is starving. The walls of the Squirrel Inn would ruin the appetite of the average sinner. After a meal goes into a comfortable reading room, where are all the latest magazines and papers of the day. If he desires to amuse himself there are checkers and dominoes furnished without cost and everything is done that reason suggests to lure him away from the saloon.

A grand point was made by Bishop Potter, the most eminent Episcopal churchman of New York, while addressing a meeting there the other night, when he remarked, "I have often longed for a dinner and a breakfast

"Every one deplores the destruction of life in China, and is horrified at the barbarities practiced. Every one believes that it is the duty of our government to protect the lives and property of American citizens residing in China, and I have no doubt that the administration will do so. I also take it for granted that all American citizens will withdraw from China temporarily or take refuge in some port where they can be protected by American ships until the excitement is over."

"If the Chinese government has tried in good faith to protect our citizens, suitable punishment for the guilty and reparation and indemnity for those who have suffered can doubtless be secured. If, upon investigation, it is found that the Chinese government has not acted in good faith, congress has power to deal with the matter."

"For several years European nations have been threatening to dismember China, and it is not strange that their ambitious designs should arouse a feeling of hostility toward foreigners. That feeling, however, ought not to be directed against American citizens, and will not be if our nation makes it known that it has no desire to grab land or to trespass upon the rights of China."

"A firm adherence to the American policy of justice and fair dealing will not only set an example to other nations, but will give to our citizens residing in China the best promise of security. It will be better for our merchants to have it known that they seek trade only when trade is mutually advantageous. It will be better for our missionaries to have it known that they are preaching the gospel of love, and are not the forerunners of fleets and armies."

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A HOBBO ON A TRAIN.

His Brief Interview With a Brake-man and the Conductor.

"I spent several hours in a small country town not far from here a few days ago," said a young professional man of this city, and to kill time I joined the usual group in the corner grocery store. One of the crowd was a freight brakeman, and he told a story about a tramp who was stealing a ride on the bumpers during his last run.

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"When I got back to the caboose, the conductor says, 'Well, Bill, did you fire the hobo?' 'No,' says I, 'I didn't. In chatin' with him.' I says, 'I found out we was kin, and I didn't really have the heart to bounce the poor fellow.' 'Well, I'll tell you, then,' says the conductor, gettin' hot, and away he goes over the tops. Pretty soon I could hear him cawin' back like a crow, on a dead run. He slid down the brake iron like a streak of greased lightning and dropped to the ground, reaching around into his pocket and pulled out a gun about a yard long. When he pointed it at me, it looked like a piece of stovepipe. 'You freckle nosed baboon,' says he, 'if you don't go 'bout your business real sudden, I'll cave your face in! Skip!'

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Having just returned from India, I have read the accounts of the famine in American papers, I have seen the pictures, I have seen the conditions in the famine districts, and I can assure you that the actual state of affairs is much more terrible than painted or pictured. And the worst of it is that, even if the rains are entirely favorable, no relief can be expected till the crop is gathered in October. Famine photographs frequently represent half starved people gathered in the streets or in some food. They are poor but self respecting people, who have never been the objects of public charity

HUNGER KILLED WOMAN. And have refused to go to famine relief camps until at last death has stared them in the face, and unbearable distress has driven them out in search of help. Worn and hungry, they have laid themselves down to rest and have died before waking. Not long before leaving India, while walking with a brother missionary at Ahmedabad, not far from his house, he pointed to a tree at the roadside and said: "The other day I saw the emaciated figure of a man lying, free down, under that tree. On going near and touching the body I found it already stiff and cold. Examining it more carefully, I found one side torn away, evidently eaten by jackals. A couple of dead cats were lying on the body of an infant. A little farther on was found a woman, still alive. She was the wife of the man and mother of the child. She, too, poor thing, died before she could reach the porch, which stood within sight and call of the spot where these patient, helpless ones had fallen down to die."

A starving man is devoid of judgment and of most of his natural feelings. In April we received a group of famine girls. Among them was one who, although much emaciated, began to improve from the day she came to India. After a week she rapidly grew worse. In spite of everything that could be done for her she soon died. We learned at last that, while she was so ill that we were giving her a few spoonfuls of nourishment at a time, raising her gently, because she seemed unable to move, she made an effort to help herself, and even later, when she seemed unable to see or to speak, she had been dragging herself at intervals, when we were absent, out into the garden, a distance of 50 yards, in order to get some green mangoes to eat. For the poor famine child they were deadly poison. She knew it, but the awful gnawing in her stomach made prudence impossible.

The only effective preventive to the spread of plague that has yet been discovered is inoculation with plague serum. Wherever an outbreak of the disease is imminent, inoculations are sent to them, and instruments and everything needed for efficient work are provided, but the Hindoos have not taken kindly to this remedy. All kinds of wild rumors have been spread and have been widely believed to the effect that inoculation is most harmful; that it has been devised by the European doctors to punish the Hindoos for supposed disloyalty and as a means for destroying castes. In view of this the government offers two days' wages to every man, woman or child who is inoculated. I know a little fellow 5 years old, whose mother died, and whose father is a helpless invalid. Hearing that money was paid to every person who was willing to be inoculated, this poor

little lad presented himself at one of the inoculation stations. As soon as his arm was healed he went to another station, and this thing went on until the poor boy had actually been inoculated five times in each arm for the 84 cents he received and with which he supported himself and father for six weeks.

The government has already expended more than \$47,000,000 in the free distribution of food to those who are unable to work and in employing the able-bodied at cash wages in the construction of reservoirs, irrigation ditches, and other public works that will mitigate future droughts. In addition, there are generous and splendidly organized systems of private charity, the funds being supplied from every part of the civilized world and managed chiefly by American and European ladies. It is the duty and privilege of every one to have some share in this sacred work of humanity. Gifts may be sent to Brown Bros. & Co., 60 Wall street, New York, treasurers of the committee of one hundred; William B. Dodge, chairman, and Dr. L. T. Chubb, executive director, by whom they will be gladly promptly to the responsible and representative American Indian relief committee, under the chairmanship of United States Consul William H. Fox, at Bombay, with the veteran missionary, Robert A. Hume, as executive secretary.

The New York committee of one hundred on India famine relief co-operates with committees of the same name in Boston, New Haven, Baltimore, Washington, Indianapolis and other cities, each of which has charge of the work in its own section. The committee elected on receipt of the postal address "Committee of One Hundred, 23-Bible House, New York," supplies of illustrated literature are sent without charge and expressage free. The help of individuals, clubs, lodges, labor unions, employers, proprietors of hotels and summer resorts, churches, Sunday schools, young people's societies, King's Daughters, etc., is earnestly sought in distributing this free literature. Many who will lend a hand in this way can aid the cause as much as if they were able to draw a handsome check themselves.

August Atlantic. The August Atlantic contains several articles that will attract criticism and discussion: President Hadley's practical and much-needed paper on Political Education; Talbot William's "The Price of Order—how to rule colonies"; Mark B. Dunsen's "Our Rights in China"; most timely and appropriate in present crisis; and Sylvester Baxter's "Submarine Signaling—a new and little-known method of saving life on the sea. The number is peculiarly rich in fiction: Miss Jewett's "The Foreigner"; Alice Brown's "A Sea Chance"; Caroline Brown's "Angels and Men"; Fannie Johnson's "The Pathway Round"; Foster's "The Dugwanger Whopper"; and Webster's "The Circle of Death," with the conclusion of Howells' brilliant tale, comprise a remarkable gathering of remarkable stories.

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BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

Interesting Information for Those Who Want to Buy.

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Will do well to consult this column if they wish to secure the best bargains.

A First class Furniture and Carpet Store for Sale. This Store is doing a good business. Call on address.

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Wages \$3.00. Apply at Blymeyer Hardware Store. Jy29w6

Sale Register.

All persons having sale bills printed at this office get a free notice in the sale register. This is worth several times the price of the bills.

In Cumberland Valley township on Saturday, August 11, at 1 p. m. Angus Thomas Lowry, administrator of Anthony Lowry, deceased, will sell a tract of land containing about 55 acres. See ad. in GAZETTE.

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The Appetite of a Goat

Is envied by all whose stomach and liver are out of order. But such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pills give a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular bodily habit that insures perfect health and great energy. Only 75c at J. R. Irvine & Co's drug store.

See!

All orders for ice left at R. G. T. Wolf's will be promptly filled by S. B. Debaugh.

Looking for the heirs of C. S. Wiegand.

Houston, Tex., July 19.

EDITOR GAZETTE:—I am looking for the heirs of Charles S. Wiegand, who was in Texas in 1836. Any information will be received with thanks.

Yours truly,

HENRY MARGRENE.

Wolfburg Circuit.

Sunday, July 29: Children's Day service at Rainburg at 10:30 a. m. Preaching at Trans Run 3 p. m. Wolfburg 8 p. m. FRANCIS E. FUSSELL, Pastor.

Broad Top Township Teachers.

The following teachers have been elected by the school directors of Broad Top township: Principals, I. C. Van Dyke, H. M. Hanks, G. W. Barton, W. F. Benner, C. H. Pittman; primaries, C. Ida Weber, Esther Fletcher, Vernon D. Sakeld, Leota Benner, Anna Bratton; ungraded schools, D. M. Roundbush, D. W. Ritchey, David Aldstadt, Wilmer Markley, Orlando Oldham, George F. Rindard, Levi Rod, abush, Florence Beane; district superintendent, H. B. Brumbaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Begley Improving.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Begley, of Windber, who were seriously injured in a railway accident at Johnstown last week, are steadily improving. It has been ascertained that Mr. and Mrs. Begley were not bound for the picnic grounds at Lakemont Park, as were nearly all the balance of the big crowd at the depot, but were on their way to the home of Mrs. Begley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Over, of Woodbury.

Boxing Fury.

Thursday evening of last week the following persons spent a few hours very pleasantly bowling at the Springs alley: Messrs. Kellinger, Misses May and Alice Gilechrist, Miss Wolff, of Bedford; Messrs. William Hilpert, of Philadelphia; Howard Kellinger, of Pittsburgh; John Gephart and William Beam, of Bedford. Miss Alice Gilechrist and Mr. Gephart made the highest scores.

Money Picnic.

A beautiful home picnic was held in the grove adjoining the home of W. Scott Fickes, a few miles from town, on Saturday, July 21, in honor of Mrs. Peter Boysser and her three daughters, Goldie, Bertha and Flestie, and her son, Master Clarence, of Gibsonburg, O. Mrs. Boysser is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Beagle and a sister-in-law of W. Scott Fickes. Her relatives and many friends determined to give her a good time and succeeded most admirably. A sumptuous dinner was served by the ladies and it was enjoyed by all. About 100 persons were present and greatly enjoyed the occasion.

Advertised Letters.

The following letters have been held thirty days in the Bedford, Pa. post-office, and if not called for, within two weeks, this date will be sent to the Dead Letter Office at Washington. When asking for these letters please say "Advertised."

J. W. Woomer, J. W. Stone, Mrs. Liza Gates, Miss Rose Stidman, Mrs. Lola Beam Brannen, Herman Sted, Mrs. and Mrs. Julian S. Carter, Fred Dray, John Pierson, John Lukon.

D. W. Prosser, P. M. Bedford, Pa., July 27, 1900.

Marriage Licenses

Dorsey W. Berkley, of Somerset county, and Sarah Mull, of Juniata township.

Gilbert T. Kuchendavfer and Anna May Burget, of New Enterprise.

Ar C. Ritchey and Minnie M. Gribble, of Hopewell township.

David B. Fletcher and Minnie Fletcher, of Monroe township.

Festival.

A festival will be held in the grove adjoining the St. James Episcopal Lutheran church, Pleasant Valley, Saturday evening, July 28. All are cordially invited.

COMMITTEE.

SPEELMAN SQUIDS.

Solomon Smith Fatally Injured—Death of Albert Logue.

SPEELMAN, July 23.—Solomon Smith was fatally injured on Saturday by his horse running away. He was thrown between the wagon bed and front wheel and was so badly hurt that he died at five o'clock Sunday morning. He will be interred at Madley in the Lybarger cemetery this afternoon. Mr. Smith is survived by his wife and several children.

Albert Logue, a resident of Byndman, who died last week, was also buried here on Friday. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Stroup, of West End. The Cumberland News gives the following account of Mr. Logue's death: "Albert Logue, commonly known as 'Patty,' who worked at the brick yard at Byndman, went home from work Wednesday and could not cool off in his extremely poured cold water over his body and died from the effect in a very short while. His age was about forty. He was married and leaves a family."

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Loyd, of Jewell county, Kansas, are visiting friends in this community.

Grandmother Emerick, of Gladden, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Miller.

A number of young folks from here spent Sunday in Hall's Gap at the white sulphur spring and report having a very pleasant time.

The Lutheran church at Madley will be re-dedicated on August 13. All persons are invited to attend.

HARRY.

FOOT.

JULY 25.—Mrs. Harry Muselman has been seriously ill with pneumonia at her father's residence in East St. Clair township and is still in a critical condition.

Miss Emma Hunsaker, of Pittsburgh, is spending a few weeks' vacation as a guest of Miss May Hilsong.

On Wednesday evening of last week quite a number of the neighbors assembled at the home of Harvey Hille in honor of his birthday. Mr. Hille was surprised. They had ice cream and cake and a good time.

Mrs. Jennie Hull, wife of E. L. Hull of Spring Hope, arrived home on Friday from a two weeks' visit to her home in Stauntonville. She was accompanied by Daniel Wilson and wife (her sister), of Stauntonville.

Frank Harclerode, of Windber, was a caller at Point on Saturday and Sunday. The attraction was one of our handsome young ladies.

George Miller, of Johnstown, and his brother Nathan, of Fishertown, were welcome visitors at the residence of John Winegardner last Thursday.

Pins Beagle, of Pittsburgh, was a pleasant caller on friends in this community one day last week.

Mrs. Effie Peter and daughter, of Pittsburgh, are spending the hot season with Mrs. Peter's father, Elias Snowberger.

School directors contracted with teachers for our schools on Saturday.

Miss Lucy McGreevy got the school at this place; Miss Lily Williams the Valley school; Ralph Blackburn the Amak school; Wm. R. Souser the Tull's Hill school, and Miss Myrtle Souser the Forks school. These teachers, with the exception of Mr. Blackburn, taught heretofore very successfully. This will be Mr. Blackburn's first attempt. We hope he may be successful.

Wilson Hissong and C. Piper Smith took a trip to Windber Tuesday on their bicycles to see what the chances are for work in the new town.

Miss Laura Perdue was taken suddenly ill on Monday and Dr. Statler of New Paris, was called by telephone. The young lady did not seem any better at last report.

The weather at night for the last week has been so warm that some of our young ladies sleep with their feet sticking out of the window of their room. Be careful, girls, or girl and feet will be missing some fine morning.

Rev. Dittmar and Rev. Musser were guests at R. C. Smith's Saturday night. Rev. Dittmar preached at the Reformed church near Fishertown on Sunday.

Mrs. Mary E. Amak's house on Tull's Hill, with nearly all of its contents, was burned Wednesday morning.

HOOPER.

Queen.

JULY 25.—The Greenfield Reformed Sunday school will picnic in the grove near the church on August 25.

A new postoffice was established about three and one-half miles northwest of Queen. It is called Tilar and Lorenzo Walker was appointed postmaster. The mail will be carried overland from the new postoffice to Queen.

Samuel Eicher, who has been confined to his bed for more than two years on account of a paralytic stroke, is in a precarious condition.

Superintendent J. A. Wright held his annual examination at Queen on the 26th of July. There were only three in the class. In the afternoon the school board met and elected the following teachers: Shaefer, D. E. (Joehenover); Helzel, J. C. Burkett; Fickes, Rosa Shaefer; Lewisburg, S. H. Fickes; Kalsky, D. F. Kalsky; Boyer, L. H. Walter.

Harvey Walter, a barber from Pittsburgh, and Ira Walter, of Altoona, were home to visit their father, Jonas Walter, yesterday.

St. Clairville.

JULY 25.—Alton Beckley and wife, of Altoona, are visiting Henry Beckley, Mrs. Kate McMann, of Altoona, is the guest of Mrs. Amanda Shroyer.

Mrs. Amanda Stambaugh is having a roof put on her home, Henry Amick being the contractor.

The Lutherans will hold their annual picnic in Henderson's grove Saturday, July 28. The Outrigger band will furnish the music.

Do not fail to attend the Juniata college reunion of Bedford County students, which will be held at Island Park, Wolfburg, August 4.

Missionary services will be held in the Lutheran church Sunday evening, July 29.

Prof. D. M. Roundbush has gone to Altoona to visit his brother for some time.

NAS.

Schellsburg.

JULY 24.—Miss Bertha Rhodes and Mr. White, of Hollidaysburg, are visiting at the home of Miss Rhodes' sister, Mrs. Emma Elenberger, near Schellsburg.

Prof. A. B. Bonn Van Ormer will preach in the Lutheran church at this place next Lord's Day morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Mary Edwards and daughter Annie, of Michigan, are guests of Mrs. Edwards' mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Miller.

CAPITAL CITY CHAT.

Budget of News From the Seat of Government.

THE CONGER CABLEGRAM.

Senator Wellington Discusses the Chinese Situation—The Treaty Will Swell the Republican Campaign Fund.

Special correspondence of THE GAZETTE.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Is there a secret understanding between the administration and the government of China? The acceptance by Secretary Hay and other members of the cabinet of everything said to them by the Chinese minister as gospel truth is regarded as suspicious. Although scoffed at by the entire diplomatic corps and doubted by the public, Mr. Hay has accepted the cablegram alleged to be from Minister Conger and saying that he and the other foreign ministers in Peking had in need of help, as genuine, and the other members of the cabinet have even gone so far as to throw bouquets at Mr. Hay by publicly saying that his getting that message was a great diplomatic triumph. Diplomatic faddists! That message, whether fake or genuine, was scored by the Chinese minister for purposes of his own and if there was any triumph about it the credit is his. It is whispered among European diplomats in Washington that the administration has undertaken the contract of keeping the present Chinese government in power, regardless of any decision of the powers which are assembling an army in China for allied action. It is difficult to believe that Mr. McKinley has made any such agreement. His own imperial schemes are quite enough to keep him busy, without his tackling those of China.

Senator Wellington, the Maryland Republican who some time ago declared that he would not support McKinley for re-election, is still throwing nuts to the administration which it cannot or will not crack. The senator said, while in Washington a day or two ago: "If the situation in the Philippines is as favorable as the administration would have us believe, there is no reason why twelve or fifteen thousand men could not be sent from there to service in China. I think that would be America's fair quota of the international force for relief of Peking, and beyond the protection of American life and property, this country has no business to interfere with the affairs of the Chinese empire. American soldiers should never form a part of an army for the conquest of China. The European powers have sowed the wild and are now reaping the whirlwind. They have been looking for trouble in China for a long time and now they have it. The first they have kindled is a hot one and this government should look well to it that American troops are not used as a cat's paw for the pulling out of European chestnuts."

Secretary Root now says that the administration hopes to hand Cuba over to the Cubans within the next eight or ten months, but there are still men who believe that the island will have a string to it when it is turned over to the Cubans and that secret schemes for annexation are being worked and encouraged by the administration for the purpose of making it appear, when the time is ripe, that demand for annexation comes from the Cubans. General Wood had very little to say about annexation when he was in Washington last week, and that little was not important, although he was cornered by one newspaper man and made to acknowledge that he believed a large majority of Cubans now favored an independent government rather than annexation. The administration knows that its attitude toward Cuba is being watched by the people and that any act which even seems to imply that good faith would not be kept with the Cubans would make thousands of anti-McKinley votes. If there is to be any trickery it will be carefully concealed until after election.

It seems to be a little early in the campaign for Boss Hanna's henchmen to be putting out fakes, but all the same they are doing it. Several men known to be close to Hanna have been slipping up Washington newspaper men with stories about how worried the "old man" was because of the refusal of some of the heaviest contributors to his campaign fund four years ago to give a cent this year, and of his fear that the national committee would have to skimp its campaign plans for lack of money. The object of these stories is to create the impression among the Democrats that the Republicans are going to the short of campaign money this year. It is, of course, absolute tommyrot. Hanna spent \$8,000,000 four years ago and he expects to spend quite as much, or more, this year, and he knows just where to go to get it. If his victims do not come down without squeaking he knows exactly how hard to squeeze them to get what he wants. He must think the Democrats are easily gulled, indeed, if he thinks it possible to make them believe that the favored trusts which he has created and which by Hanna legislation will allow the Hanna committee to lack money to buy another election.

Announcements of Candidates.

Of the rules of the Democratic party of Bedford county the following part of rule No. 11 relates to announcement: "All announcements by candidates for the office of the county shall be made subject to the condition that the candidate whose name is presented in the convention shall be in honor bound to support the ticket nominated at such convention and this rule shall be published at the head of the list of announcements."

We are authorized to announce the name of EDWARD DOTY, of Bedford borough, as a suitable candidate for the office of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of JAMES COLLINS, of Mann township, as a suitable candidate for the office of the Democratic County Convention.

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